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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons.

Members present: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Leutheuser moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, June 17, 2015 meeting.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4904 (McBroom)	Elections; scheduling; date of the statewide presidential primary election as a regular election date; provide for, and clarify filing deadlines for candidates for local office and for all local ballot questions.
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Representative McBroom explained his bill to the Committee.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in support of the bill.

Mike Batterbee and Chris Thomas, Director of the Bureau of Elections, representing the Secretary of State's Office, testified in support of the bill.

Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk, representing the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, testified in support of the bill.

The following people submitted cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks.

Nikki Brown, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

Representative Leutheuser moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 5, line 8, by striking out all of enacting section 1 and renumbering the remaining enacting section.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Jacobson moved to report HB 4904, as amended, with recommendation that the bill pass.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:45 a.m.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair_____

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